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December 21, 2012

East Kentucky Power Cooperative, Inc.
Attention: Roger R. Cowden
P.O. Box 707
Winchester, Kentucky 40392-0707

Re: East Kentucky Power Cooperative, Inc.
Petition for Confidential Treatment received 9/12/12
PSC Reference – Case No. 2012-00319

Dear Mr. Cowden:

The Public Service Commission has received the Petition for Confidential Treatment you filed on September 12, 2012 on behalf of East Kentucky Power Cooperative, Inc. ("EKPC") to protect certain information filed with the Commission as confidential pursuant to Section 7 of 807 KAR 5:001 and KRS 61.878. The information you seek to have treated as confidential is identified as being contained in EKPC's Response to Commission Data Requests Nos. 15 and 20 pursuant to Appendix to Commission Order dated August 22, 2012. The information is described as (DR 15)- contains internal strategic Board policies; and (DR 20) – contains identification of coal vendors, ranking of proposals under evaluation process, bids, and tabulation sheets containing pricing and volume of usage, evaluation procedures and coal acquisition strategies.

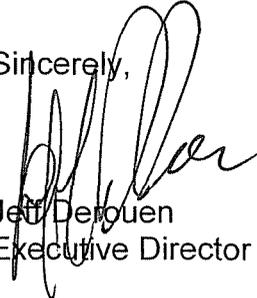
Your justification for having the Commission handle this material as confidential is that the public disclosure of the information could result in an unfair commercial advantage to competitors.

Based on a review of the information and pursuant to KRS 61.878 and 807 KAR 5:001, Section 7, the Commission has determined that the information requested to be held confidential is of a proprietary nature, which if publicly disclosed would permit an unfair commercial advantage to EKPC's competitors. Therefore, the information requested to be treated as confidential **meets the criteria for confidential protection** and will be removed from the public record and maintained as a nonpublic part of the Commission's file in this case. The procedure for usage of confidential materials during formal proceedings may be found at Section 7(8) of 807 KAR 5:001.

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If the information becomes publicly available or no longer warrants confidential treatment, East Kentucky Power Cooperative, Inc. is required by Section 8(9)(a) of 807 KAR 5:001 to inform the Commission so that the information may be placed in the public record.

Sincerely,



Jeff Derouen
Executive Director

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cc: Parties of Record